

General Certificate of Education  
June 2006  
Advanced Level Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 9 Studies in Religion and Ethics**

**RS09**

Wednesday 14 June 2006 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS09.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

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- 1 (a) Examine perspectives on free will within **one** religion you have studied. (20 marks)
- (b) Explain a ‘hard’ determinist perspective on free will, and assess which of these perspectives is more relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (30 marks)
- 2 (a) Examine the ways in which the teachings within **one** religion you have studied relate to the issue of consumerism. (20 marks)
- (b) Outline MacIntyre’s version of Virtue Ethics, and assess whether religion or MacIntyre’s Virtue Ethics is more applicable to the issue of consumerism. (30 marks)
- 3 (a) Examine the ways in which the teachings within **one** religion you have studied apply to the issue of animal experimentation. (20 marks)
- (b) Explain how Aristotle’s account of a life lived in accordance with the Virtues could be applied to the issue of animal experimentation, and assess the view that this approach is more helpful than a religious approach in addressing the issue. (30 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**